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Amendment dated 11/08/05
Reply to Office Action of 08/10/05

Amendments to the Figures

Please replace Fig. 5 with the amended Replacement Fig. 5 attached in the Appendix.

Fig. 5 has been amended to reflect the changes required by the Examiner. An annotated sheet of Fig. 5 showing the corrections marked in red is attached hereto.

Attachments: Annotated Sheet Showing Changes

1 sheet Replacement Drawing of Fig. 5

REMARKS

The Office Action of August 8, 2005 has been carefully reviewed and these remarks are responsive thereto. Reconsideration and allowance of the instant application are respectfully requested.

The second claim 9 has been canceled and rewritten as new claim 22. In addition, the claims have been amended to positively recite the body.

In regard to the drawings, the position of the nut retainer 283 is shown in the drawings. It is the item that holds the top and front parts of nut 282 in place. Nut holder 281 holds the bottom and back parts of the nut 282 in place. Nut retaining apparatus N refers to the combination of the nut retainer and nut holder. The disclosure describes these elements of the drawings. Withdrawal of the objections over the drawings and disclosure is requested.

FIG 5 has been corrected (attached) and a new abstract has been added.

Claims 12-14 stand rejected under 25 USC 112, first paragraph. Claims 12-14 have been amended to replace "pipe" with "lateral frame" as is consistent with the specification. Withdrawal of this rejection is requested.

Claims 1-21 stand rejected as being indefinite. The claims have been amended for clarification. In addition, one skilled in the art would understand an insertion end of the bolt insertion hole in the context of the instant claims. That is, it is the end of the hole that the bolt would be inserted into. See Fig. 6, item 28h. Withdrawal of this rejection is requested.

Claims 1-2, 4-6, 8-10, 15, 16, 19-20 stand rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as anticipated by Schaaf (U.S. Patent 2,820,499.) Claims 7, 11, and 21 stand rejected under 35 USC 103(a) over Schaaf.

Schaaf describes a floating, swiveling anchor nut. The anchor nut is attached to an outer surface of the body via retainer 25. Retainer 25 does not securely hold the nut member in an inclined position. Instead, retainer 25 allows nut member 10 to rotate or swivel around. The nut retaining apparatus of the instant claims does not allow the nut member to rotate or swivel but instead holds the nut member securely in place in an inclined position. Withdrawal of these rejections is requested.

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Claims 1-6, 8-10, 15-20 stand rejected under 35 USC 102(a) as anticipated by Eaton (U.S. Patent 192,620). Eaton describes a nut lock having a washer A and a locking dog B that pivots into place against the washer to hold a nut in a locked position. The nut lock of Eaton does not hold a nut member securely in an inclined position as required by the instant claim.

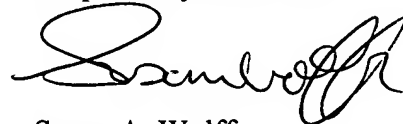
The nut lock of Eaton is not mounted on the body. Instead the nut lock comprises a washer (A) that the bolt is inserted through. The nut is put into place and the locking dog is pivoted against the washer to lock the nut into place (to prevent the nut from turning on its axis.) On the other hand, the instant claims require the nut holder to be mounted on the body for securely supporting the nut member in the inclined direction. The nut is prevented from moving in any direction by the combination of nut holder and the nut retainer. Withdrawal of this rejection is requested.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above amendments and remarks, withdrawal of the rejections and issuance of a Notice of Allowance is requested.

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Annotated Sheet



Fig. 5 A

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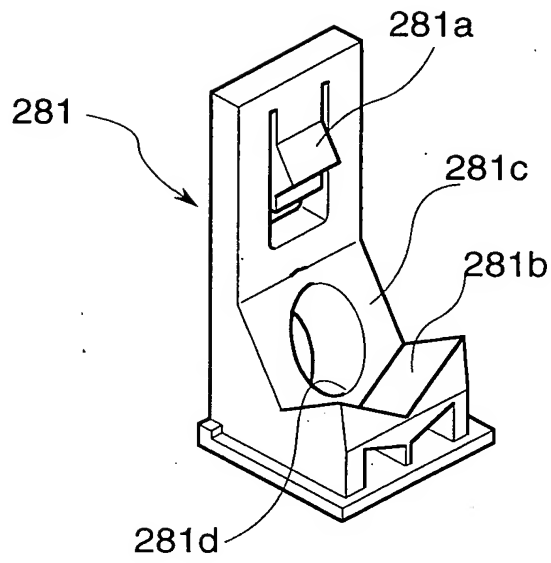


Fig. 5B ~~(B)~~

